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SUBJECT: JUNE 25 EA PRESS SUMMARY

1. IN SELECTING EXCERPTS FROM BREZHNEV TV SPEECH TO NATION, MOST PAPERS FEATURE, INTER ALIA, HIS REFERENCE TO ROLE OF IMPROVED US- SOVIET RELATIONS IN HELPING BRING ABOUT END TO VN WAR, HIS LACK OF REFERENCE TO CAMBODIA BOMBING, AND HIS VIEW THAT END OF VN CONFLICT SHOULD BE " CONSOLIDATED" SO THAT " ALL THE PEOPLES OF INDOCHINA BE GIVEN THE CHANCE TO LIVE IN PEACE."

2. 200- TRUCK CONVOY REACHES PP UNSCATHED UP HIGHWAY 4 FROM KOMPONG SOM. FANK ABANDONS DEY KRAHAM VILLAGE 12 MILES SOUTH OF PP AFTER THREE DAYS OF INTENSE KI SHELLING. US TAC JETS HIT KI POSITIONS IN VILLAGE AT RATE OF ONE EVERY FIVE MINUTES THROUGHOUT DAY. KI SAPPERS BLOW UP FANK AMMO DEPOT SIX MILES FROM CAPITAL, TOUCHING OFF HOUR- LONG EXPLOSIONS. TERRORISTS THROW GRENADE OUTSIDE CROWDED PP CAFE KILLING SEVEN, WOUNDING 24. UPI REPORTS INCIDENT MAY HAVE BEEN PERSONAL RATHER THAN POLITICAL DISPUTE. AP REPORTS US TACTICAL AND B-52 BOMBING STEPPED UP OVER PAST 24 HOURS. FIGHTING CONTINUES ALONG HIGHWAYS 3 AND 9 SOUTH OF PP AND KI CONTINUE PRESSURE ON TAKEO, NOW UNDER SIEGE FOR FIVE MONTHS (NYT, WP, SUN, WSJ).

3. GROUP OF FORMER TOP NATIONAL SECURITY OFFICIALS INCLUDING WARNKE, YORK, FOSTER, GILPATRIC, HOOPE, HALPERIN, AND KISTIAKOWSKY URGE CONGRESS TO SWITCH \$14 BILLION IN DEFENSE FUNDS TO DOMESTIC PROGRAMS. THEIR REPORT PROPOSES SHARP CUTBACKS IN TRIDENT AND B-1 BOMBER PROGRAMS AND RECOMMENDS ELIMINATION OF ENTIRE \$3.1 BILLION ADMIN NOW SEEKING FOR AID TO SVN, LAOS AND CAMBODIA AND FOR AMERICAN NAVAL AND AIR FORCES IN SEA. (SUN).

4. GVN COMMAND REPORTS SHARP INCREASE IN COMMUNIST C- F UNCLASSIFIED

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VIOLATIONS AND SAYS COMMUNISTS BLASTED TRAIN OFF TRACKS ON CENTRAL COAST. COMMAND SAYS GVN TRYING TO RE- OPEN 750 MILES OF TRACK AND TRAIN WAS ON REPAIR MISSION (NYDN, PHINQ, CHITRIB).

5. WSJ' S KANN IN SAIGON REPORTS GVN LAUNCHING TOURISM EFFORT AS KEY ELEMENT IN NEW DEVELOPMENT PLAN. DESPITE

FACT COUNTRY HAS PLENTY OF TOURIST ATTRACTIONS, IT STILL DIFFICULT AND TIME- CONSUMING TO GET VISA, DOMESTIC TRAVEL IS HARD TO COME BY, AND FIGHTING CONTINUES HERE AND THERE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY (WSJ).

6. AP SAIGON DESCRIBES ARREST AND JAILING ON JANUARY 23 OF FOURTEEN YEAR- OLD GIRL FOR POSSESSION OF LYRICS TO SONGS EXTOLLING PEACE. NO CHARGES EVER FILED AND SHE WAS RECENTLY RELEASED WITHOUT EXPLANATION. GVN OFFICIAL SAYS LYRICS HAD BEEN WRITTEN BY MAN NOW IN NVN AND IT IS CRIME TO DISTRIBUTE SUBVERSIVE MATERIALS. GIRL' S FATHER HAD BEEN JAILED ON UNSPECIFIED CHARGES AND HER BROTHER SERVING 20- YEAR TERM AS SUSPECTED VN AGENT. FAMILY IS PART OF THOUSANDS BEING HELD AS COMMUNISTS OR CRIMINALS. GVN SAYS IT HOLDS 5081 COMMUNISTS AND CLAIMS VC HOLDS 67,000 GVN PERSONNEL, WHILE VC CLAIMS IT ONLY HOLDS 252 (CHITRIB).

7. ELIZABETH POND REPORTS (TOKYO, CSM) THAT NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA HAVE DRAWN UP NEW BATTLE LINES FOR ANNUAL UN DEBATE. ROK AGREED TO ADMISSION OF BOTH KOREAS TO UN; NK STRONGLY OPPOSED, RESTATING DEMAND FOR CONFEDERATION FIRST, WITH UN ADMISSION LATER AS ONE COUNTRY. ACCORDING TO NK NEWS SERVICE, KIM IL SUNG TOLD VISITING CZECH DELEGATION THAT NORTH KOREA OPPOSED ADMISSION OF BOTH KOREAS TO UN AS PROMOTING A TWO- KOREA POLICY. SAID, HOWEVER, THAT IF KOREAN QUESTION IS DISCUSSED AT UN, NORTH KOREA " SHOULD NATURALLY BE INVITED TO TAKE PART AND SPEAK AS A CONCERNED PARTY". KIM REPEATED DEMAND FOR REMOVAL OF ALL AMERICAN TROOPS UNDER UNC, AND FOR UNCURK' S DISSOLUTION. PRESIDENT PARK EMPHASIZED THAT

THE NEW ROK POSITION DOES NOT MEAN RECOGNITION OF NORTH
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KOREA AS A STATE. IN SUBSEQUENT PRESS CONFERENCE PM KIM JONG PIL WAS QUOTED AS SAYING, HOWEVER, THAT SEOUL IS " COGNIZANT OF THE FACT THAT THERE EXISTS A COMMUNIST REGIME WHICH EXERCISES DE FACTO CONTROL OVER THE AREA NORTH OF THE ARMISTICE LINE." PM INDICATED THAT SOUTH KOREA WOULD ABIDE BY ANY UN DECISION ON DISPOSITION OF UNCURK, BUT ADDED THAT UNC SHOULD BE MAINTAINED. ROK POLICY CHANGE IS FORESHADOWED EVEN ON THIS ISSUE; SEOUL NEWSPAPERS HAVE STARTED SPECULATING ABOUT SHIFT OF AMERICAN TROOPS IN KOREA OUT OF UN COMMAND AND OVER TO BILATERAL ARRANGEMENT UNDER SECURITY ALLIANCE.

8. TOKYO CONTINUED TO BE THE DOLLAR' S MAIN AREA OF STRENGTH. BANK OF JAPAN SOLD ESTIMATED \$90 MILLION

FRIDAY TO MEET DEMAND. SALES FOR WEEK TOTALED ABOUT \$300 MILLION, WITH INTERVENTION WORKING AGAINST DOLLAR'S RISE (WSJ).

9. BOEING CO. ANNOUNCES SALE OF THREE 727 S TO ALL NIPPON AIRWAYS (WSJ). HITACHI CONSOLIDATED EARNINGS JUMPED 35 IN YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, ON 6 RAISE IN SALES (TOKYO, WSJ).

10. UPI REPORTS SECOND QUAKE IN HOKKAIDO, DAMAGE LIGHT (TOKYO, NYDN, SUN, CHITRIB, PHINQ).

11. AFP REPORTS DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER H. K. YANG ARRIVED IN NIAMEY JUNE 23 ON ANOTHER LEG OF HIS WEST AFRICAN TOUR (WP).

12. AP REPORTS (PAPEETE, NYDN) SEVERAL THOUSAND TAHITIANS GATHERED YESTERDAY IN FIRST PROTEST RALLY HERE AGAINST PLANNED FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTS.

13. REUTER REPORTS (PERTH, SUN) THAT DECISION MAY BE MADE
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